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# **BOOTLEGGER SENTENCED TO PRISON**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that Herbert Begay, age 41, of Dennehotso, Arizona, was found to have violated the terms of his probation and sentenced to twelve months in prison, by the Honorable Stephen L. Verkamp, United States Magistrate Judge, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The defendant had originally been arrested in August of 2001, along with 20 other individuals, for illegally selling alcohol on the Navajo Reservation. On October 30, 2001 the defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to one year supervised probation and ordered not to possess nor use alcohol. On December 4, 2001 the defendant was arrested by Navajo Tribal Police for selling alcohol from his residence to two juveniles who consumed the alcohol and then assaulted their father. On January 14, 2002 the defendant was again arrested by Navajo Tribal Police for illegal possession of alcohol.

The investigation in this case, leading to the revocation of defendant's probation, was conducted by the United States Probation Department, the Navajo Division of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Mark E. Aspey, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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